What is Claim d:

1 1. A method of indicating the amount of data, in particular of characters,
2 which can be entered in an edit field of an electronic device for a common
3 subsequent processing, comprising the step that the available capacity for
4 entering data in the edit field is graphically visualized.

1 2. A method of claim 1, wherein the look of a graphic element associated
2 to the edit field is changed in functional dependency to the available
3 remaining capacity.

1 3. A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into
2 two areas, wherein the percentages of the two areas are changed in
3 functional dependency to the available capacity.

1 4. A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into
2 several sub-portions, each of which is representing a predefined amount of
3 capacity, so that for every amount of capacity already used one of these sub-
4 portions is visually displayed, filled up and/or deleted.

1 5. A method of claim 1, wherein the look of a text cursor is changed
2 proportional to the number of remaining characters, which can be entered into
3 the edit field.

1 6. An electronic device having an edit field, means for entering data
2 and/or characters into the edit field and means for processing a predefined
3 maximal number of entered data and/or characters all at once, comprising a
4 graphic element associated to the edit field for graphically visualizing the
5 space or capacity available in the edit field.

1 7. An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the look of the graphic element
2 is changeable in functional dependency to the available space or capacity.

1 8. An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is

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2   subdivided into two areas, wherein the percentages of the two areas are

3   changeable in functional dependency to the available space.

1   9.   An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is

2   subdivided into several sub-portions, each of which is representing a

3   predefined amount of capacity, and wherein respectively one of these portions

4   is changeable for a character entered.

1   10.   An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphical element is a text

2   cursor.

1   11.   An electronic device of any of claim 6, being a mobile phone, in

2   particular based on a GSM-standard or UMTS-standard.